sider whether some other clothier has reduced his prices and then drop ours to meet his. We lead. We drop first. Some have nearly met our prices. None has as yet!

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It's a matter of interest

To wheelmen to know that the High-grade Wheel, the "Hallwelk SPECIAL," is now on sale at \$50. A staun-her or better Bicycle for general riding has never before been put of the market at anything like this price.

Hadger, conn. Ave.

AMONG THE BOXERS

A testimonial benefit will be tendered Peter Matter at Madison Square Garden on December 28.

Young Griffo will box six rounds with Frank Erne at the testimonial to be given to the latter in Buffalo this week.

Ben Kelly, of Brooklyn, knocked out Johnny Eckert in three rounds on Mon-day. They fought at catch weights at a

Jack Devlin, of Newark, was knocked out in time rounds in Philadelphia on Mon-day night by young Wilson. Devlin's gameness pleased the spectators, and the men may meet again Joe Bernstein and George Justis will be

matched this week for another limited round contest before the Imperial Athletic Club. The winner will be matched with Dave Wall.

Sullivan will never forgive Corbett for having defeated him, and yet nearly any other heavyweight would have "done" John the same night. About the only place in the world where

English is spoken and where fights to a finish can be pulled off is in South Africa, and, as large purses are offered for all mills pulled off there, it books as if that part of the world will become the meeca Jack Randall does not take any stock in

Stanton Abbott's being out of condition at their recent meeting, and says he will meet the English lightweight again any time the latter wants to have another match, or he is willing to meet any lightweight in the Owen Ziegler writes that he was present

at the Dixon-Erne fight, and that, in his opinion, the decision—a draw—was a just one. Dixon did all the fighting, but his judgment was poor, and he had only a shade the best of the fighting. "Kid" McCoy, who arrived from Eng-

land last Saturday, is after Joe Dunphy, of Syracuse, for a fight. The Rid says that Dunphy would be "ple" for him, and that he need not go any further for a match. McCoy is open to fight any middleweight world, barring Bob Fitzsimmons.

Jack Hallman, the old New York sport, who went to San Francisco fifteen years ago, is dead. Hallman was the proprietor of one of the best known sporting resorts in 'Frisco, where many of the noted fight-ers appeared during the paimy days of the California and Golden Gate clubs.

Word comes from the Manhattan Club that Johany Clark's skin is cracking for a go with Horace Leeds. Everything will be done in Philadelphia to bring about the meeting. Clark is getting on in years, but done in Philadelphia to bring about the meeting. Clark is getting on in years, but in talking with the obl-timers here, like Billy Edwards and Mike Donovan, they all say that Clark would give anybody an argument for five or six rounds. If the affair is arranged Clark will have a mil-lion friends on hand to root for him.

If the promoters of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons battle had taken Marcus Mayer's "tip" last May the big fellows would probably have settled their differences long ago. Mr. Mayer advised them to fight in Juarez, Mr. Mayer advised them to right in sharez, Mexico. They refused to do so. The cor-rectness of Mr. Mayer's judgment is proven in the cose of Maher and Fitzshumons, who are to fight in the place named by Mr. Mayer months ago.—New York Herald.

Jack McAuliffe thinks he has a worthy successor in "Kid" Lavigne, and will re-linquish the light-weight championship to the Saginaw lad in due time. McAuliffe does not think yet be is a "back number," and wants the chance to face the coming man before easting aside his hard-earned and deserved laurels. Consequently a match will be arranged between the men, and, win or lose, Jack will hand over to Lavigne the

Horace Leeds' defi to all or any lightweight pagilist is likely to be taken up in a few days, and then the sporting public will have a chance to see if Leeds really means business. The man who is to try Leeds out is Leslie Pearce, the Camdet Lecas out is lessic rearce, the Camben lightweight, who has come to the front very rapidly since leaving the amateur ranks. James Edwards of Camben has taken an in-terest in Pearce, and on Monday next he will go to New York and cover the \$500 which Leeds has posted with Samuel Austin, aporting editor of the Police Gazette. Mr. Edwards yesterday telegraphed Mr. Austin to that effect. Mr. Edwards means business, as he is confident that Pearce is Leeds' superior, and he will be ready to sign ar-ticles, settle on a date and do everything

News from Texas will be awaited with much interest by the sporting fraternity, and judgment suspended until it is seen what arrangements Stuart can make with the Australian. The belief is general that the latter will remain firm in his demand that the purse originally agreed upon be offered. Stuart said positively before leav-New York that he would only offer 1,000, and unless one of the parties tkens, the match will result in another fiasco. Bob can, however, scarcely afford to refuse to fight for anything he can get, as he is flat broke, and this will be probable his only opportunity to fight. His refusal will cause the public to place all the blame and criticism on him, whether justly or not, and as a theatrical attraction he would b as dead as a doornail. This affair is an other illustration of how the middley his downfall to Martin Julian.

23 and 30, will be a fine exhibi December 23 and 30, will be a fine exhibi-tion. The following boxers will appear: One hundred and fifteen pound class— Mike Sears, of Boston; Jimmy Kaveny, Boston; Jerry Sullivan, Boston; Patsy Haley, Boston; Charley Kelly, New York; Bammy Kelly, New York; Benny Leon, New York; Josh Madden, Brooklyn; Joe

Boston.

hundred and thirty-five pound class One hundred and thirty-five pound class
—Jimmy Houden, Newark; Al O'Brien,
Philadelphia; "Bull" McCarthy, Philadelphia; Bobby Dobbs, Philadelphia; Billy
Vernon, Haverstraw; Joe Harmony, New
York. Other good men will enter, and the
various bouts should prove most interesting,
as four rounds is the limit and each contestant will be looking for a decision. This
means fast, furious and fierce firetime fast, furious and fierce fighting

e .- Water burst into a g, County Mayo, today, aft to a depth of 150 feet

We don't stop to con-

Pennsy's Athletic Association Elects a New Board.

ARTHUR IRWIN IS POPULAR

New Yorkers Are Confident He Will Land the Club at the Top of the Heap-Hoyt Believes He Could Make Winners Out of the Louisville Colonels-Other Items of Interest.

The annual meeting of the athletic asso ciation of the University of Pennsylvania was held last night in the chapel hall of the college department. Of about 800 members of the association but fifty or so were present, due to the fact that the vote for the board of directors, in which principal interest centers, was taken by mail.

It was known that a contest would be made against the election of several of last year's board, but that the result was what it was, was a complete surprise. The announced result elects the following gradnate directors: Henry Geyelin, John C. Sims, John C. Bell, George Wharton Pepper, Cafford Pemberton, Jr., John Neill, Lewis C. Madeira, Harry C. Thayer, Charles C. Townsend, George Stuart Patterson. The andergraduate directors also elected were John F. Sinclair, from the medical department; Fred Dunn and Charles L. McKeehan, from the collegiate department. One under-graduate member from the medical school and one from the law school will be later elected to the board.

While the final action upon the matter has While the final action upon the matter has been temporarily deferred, it is practically certain that the project to send a team of Philadelphia cricketers to England next season will be abandoned. The executive committee of the Associated Cricket Clubs of Philadelphia held a meeting yesterday to consider the subject, but owing to the unavoidable absence of the representatives of the Germantown Club, the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the chair without taking any action. It will be chair without taking any action. It will be remembered that but really a few days ago, in view of certain letters received in Philadelphia from rather prominent crick-eters of the other side, it seemed almost a foregone conclusion that the Quaker City cricketers would be found battling with the Britishers in 1896. But this was in a some-what large measure based on the assump-tion that the Australians would not take the trip to England, negotiations for that trip then hanging fire.

Arthur Irwin is getting very popular in New York. Though the New York Chab's most ardent admirers are rubbing mud all over Freedman, they speak very flatteringly of Irwin, and predict that if his interference is not too powerful, he will land the home club at the top of the pennant pole or very close to it. Arthur will be givenevery chance by the patrons of baseball, and it is to be hoped that he will have a free foot in the club's management. It is the chance of his life, and he knows it. It is unnecessary to say that he will have It is unnecessary to say that he will hump self in his efforts to show Messra. Reach. Rogers, et al., what he could have done with the "Phillies" had they acceded to even one out of three of his requests.

Charles H. Hoyt, the playwright, is hu morous in everything that he does. In talking with a Louisville Commercial re-porter on the likelihood of his purchase of the Louisvile Ream he said: "Talk about, Baitimore, Cleveland, Bos-

ton and Chicago—their teams would simply be outclassed if I got control of the Louis-ville team. It would then not be a question of who wen the flag, but who should have the fortune of trailing in second and gain the opportunity of playing Louisville for the emple cup. "Now, I was never more in dead earnest

in my life. I mean every word of what I say. Let me get the Louisville club in my hands and I'll igive the city a team that will outclass any aggregation of balltossers that ever stepped on the diammond. I should get the very creme de la creme of the talent-not worsent stars, mind you but men who are known to be great play-

The fastest mile ever ridden on a whee The rastest finite ever rough only week under any circumstances was made at Cheyenne by John Green. He rode a mile, uppaced, flying start, with a twenty-eight miles an hour wind behind him, on the Erswell straightaway course, in the menal time of 1 minute, 25 seconds, flat. This is over 8 seconds faster that the best previous ride, made by McLeod. Regular L. A. W. officials, timers and judges were in attendance, but the record may not be allowed on account of the The timing was done by automatic electrical timers. Charles Erswell, wh owns the course, rode a mile, unpac-standing start, in 1:40 1-5, breaking t old record of 2:04 3-5 by over 20 second Omaha Ex.

"Re the same law which leads every bus driver in London to try and get before the bus in front of him, every oarsman on the Thames is led to try to get first out of one lock and first into the lock beyond, and every steamboat cap tain on the ocean to try and pass every other going in the same direction, every bicyclist seems to be irresistibly impelled to keep ahead, or at least within his distance, of every other cyclist, to rui distance, or every other cyclist, to run away from every other vehicle, and, fail-ing other bicycles and vehicles, to run against time. Regarding this as an im-pulse deeply rooted in human nature, I am not so rash as to waste time in the hope of eradicating scorehing by an article or a sermon."—Bicycle World.

F. J. Titus, the New York crack, who was recently suspended by the racing board, has decided to follow the example set by Cabanne, his team mate, and will sue th league—at least, that is the tenor of a lette which he has sent to the South End Wheel men, in which he asks that the prizes won by him at the September meet be held by them until the matter is further discussed

The National Amateur Skating Asso-ciation has decided to hold the skating champlenships at St. Paul this year. They will be held under the auspices of St. Paul Winter Carnival Associa tion, some time toward the end of Jan uary, the date to be definitely decides upon by the St. Paul people later.

The annual 10-mile championship run and 2-mile championship steephechase, a Madison Square Garden, under the auspice of the Amateur Athletic Union, will be held February 1.

Dan Stuart started for Dallas yester day morning. He said that he was almost certain that he will be able to bring off the Maher-Fitzsimmons contest at the place he originally selected,

Monte Cross, the Pittsburg shortstop, concedes President Kerr, of Pittsburg the right to release him if he desires. All of which is very considerate on Monte's

Daniel Galanaugh, the professional sculle will be trainer for the Vesper Boat Club next season. He will give his undivided attention to an eight-oared shell crew.

The annual boxing and wrestling chan pionship of the Amateur Athletic Unior will be decided early in January at the gym nasium of the new Manhattan Athletic Club

Dudley Riggs, '97, who was injured in the Yale-Princeton football game, has re turned to college. He will fill the position of left guard next year.

Cleveland in a pinch next season can play game with its pitchers alone. Eight are already signed.

George Miller thinks that in the Na Jamilton deal Philadelphia got the b of it; that Nash is not a "has been."

In the winter of 1896-97 Australia fi

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QUEEN ANNE COLOGNE.

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several years ago. At the head of the management of the tour will be James H. Manning, manager of the Kansas City basebull Clab, and Frank Selee, manager of the Boston National League team, and these names alone will be a guarantee of success.

John Sheridan, of the Western League staff of umpires, has received an offer to join Uncle Nick Young's official family, and he will accept.

In New York they expect that there will

be much difficulty in securing Rusic's sig-nature to a contract. They have not President Bush to assist him this trip.

Toniny Conneff, the amateur runner, is now employed in the advertisement department of a big New York dry-goods

ZIMMY IN HIS GLORY. Is the Lion of the Cycle World in the

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 11.—Australian journals received per steamer Warrimoo yes-terday detail the many handsome vic-

tories won by the American champion cy-clist, Arthur A. Zimmerman.
One paper states: "On November 16, at the Sydney cricket grounds, 30,000 enthusiastic Australians surged and swayed and waved their arms in wild excitement at the phenomenal American wheelmar Zimmerman won the final in the great in-ternational cycle race. Martin, the ions-distance champion of America, rode pluck-ily and was loudly cheered, but the applause grew tremendous when Zimmerm

appeared, slowly pedaling towards the track from his dressing-room, which was decorated with the stars and stripes. "The race of the day was the half-mile championship of Australia. Zammerman championship of Australia. Zinmerman was put up against two Australian flyers in the first heat, and won easily in 1:21-1:2. The winners of the other three heats were Parsons, Ireson, and Lewis, all Australians, the Italians, English and German riders being badly beaten. In the final Zimmerman seemed in superb condition and looked to be playing with his competitors. He won easily by thirty yards, but gave the impression that he could have made the gan impression that he could have made the gap much wider. But it was a pretty race, and

the crowd made a rush forward to bear him in triumph on their shoulders."

The great American rider is called "Zim-my" all over Australia, and every sport in the Antipodes is talking about him. He is pestered with invitations to banquets given in his honor and is the subject of many medical examinations.

RING, TRACK AND PADDOCK.

Fred Foster and J. J. McCafferty conmplate a trip to Erope this month C. H. Smith leads the New Orleans win ers through Buckwa's good work.

Eight horses in Robert Bonner's stable at Tarrytown, N. Y., cost him \$110,000. Riley Grannan has been playing in bad luck since his arrival at San Francisco. A Canadian Horse Breeders' Association vas organized in Toronto November 22. Stanford, the steeplechase jockey, got a hasty tumble at San Francisco recently.

W. D. Randall has hired Jockey Ballard o go to California to ride for him. Selling plater Jim Hogg navigated the New Orleans track in 1:42 the other day. Sunol, 2:08 1-4, is looking well and jogging every day at Robert Bonner's farm Western horsenien are advocating the

stablishment of a National Jockey Club. Barney Schrieber's runners are not meetng with much success at Saz Francisco The Jockey Club has extended the time for egistration till the last day of December.

In Austria this year purses were dis tributed for trotting races amounting to The amount of purses distributed during the last season in Germany reaches \$86,010.

Bill Brien, formerly "Lucky" Baldwin's rainer, is trying to pick New Orleans At the recent meeting of the Kentucky

Association at Lexington \$22,500 v Hetributed. Paul, 2:07 1-2, and Lee H., 2:13 1-2, one of the fastest pole teams in

The officers of the Philadelphia Turf

Betting has been lively in the Crescent City, and one dozen bookmakers are kept W. E. Applegate and his syndicate i

the Latonia, Oakley and Louis-Charlie Myers the past season has driven

Jockey Frank Leigh, suspended for al-eged crooked riding at St. Louis, has been John H. Shultz will breed Laurel, 2:09 1-4,

by Brown Hal, to his pacing stallion, Phistic, 2:13 1-4. In W. H. Gocher, the National Trotting ssociation has secured an able successor o Secretary Morse.

Long spells of rainy weather caused the losing of the Houston, Tex., niceting, which Henry C. Jewett has sent six carloads of rses from his Kansas ranch to his cor

red track at Buffalo. The Canadian mare, Chlor, 2:171-4, owned by Hon. J. H. Metcafe of Kingston, Ontario. will be shipped to England. A syndicate of horsenien of East Aurora

John Payne, the Covington pool-room keeper, has purchased the 3-year-old filly, Whyota, and will race her at New Orleans. Decorum, the sister to Direct, 2:051-2, ecently purchased by E. H. Harriman of New York, will be bred to Stamboul,

mares in France have recovered from their rough sea voyage and are now in good con-

Fred Foster has retired from the management of the Sportsman's Park meeting, and turned it over to his brother, David

The filly Amazon, by Charles Derby, 2:20, out of dam of W. Wood, 2:07, is one of the most promising youngsters in California. It is said that the horse that was out this year as Sluggard, by Luclede, is none other than Elmer C., by Vox Populi.

Charles H. Thompson, better known as "Butch" Thompson, a well-known New York racing man, has just recovered from The bay mare, Superior Girl, 2:17 1-4, has been bought by John D. Rockefeller from Simon James, of Hamilton, Out., for road use at Cleveland.

William Disston has proved simself one has on Pixley in 2:12 3-4, and his double team a mile in 2:24 1:2

Row Between Senior and Junior Officers of the line.

They Are Against the Personnel Measure, Although Outwated on Every Point by the Juniors-Several Officers May Be Admonished for Their Opposition to Desired Legislation.

A row has broken loose in the line of the navy which in bitterness and intensity and power to continue almost indefinitely excels any similar fracas which has occurred beween the malcontents and those favorable to a personnel measure since the subject of relief was first considered.

Both sides are arrayed against each ther, and the entire line seems divided in itself rather than as opposing the engineers and other staff corps, which gen-erally have been the bete noirs.

It is a fight between the seniors and juniors, in which the latter have a majority and upon every question have outvoted-their elders. The older officers are, almost to a man, against the bill presented to the Schate last week by Schater Hale, and which represents the views of the department and has the support of the Secretary.

The fires which have been smoldering since Congress adjourned last March seem to have been rekindled, and the remarkable

condition of line officers of the navy out-wardly opposing legislation which the Secretary indorses is presented to Congress.

The matter is more serb at than it appears to be on the surface, and it would not be surprising if Secretary Herbert should strongly admonish several admirals, com iodores, and captains, as well as commanders and lieutenant commanders, who have formed an organization in which they outline their purpose of using every means

to defeat the present measure known as the

ADVISED OF THE PROJECT. Mr. Herbert, however, has been fully ad vised of the project, and has before him the paper prepared by those officers who are unfavorable to his ideas of personnel, and he proposes to take some action which may make it exceedingly uncomfortable for several men of distinguished rank who beheve they know what is letter for the interest of the navy than either Mr. Her-bert or two committees of Congress. It is only fair to some of the higher officers

to say that they are not among the list whose names have been attached to a decument in which, if allowed to go unnoticed, will be a breach of discipline amounting al-most to insubordination.

Modern and the modern and the service; Rear-Admiral John G. Waiker, generally regarded as one of its most brilliant officers; Rear-Admiral Francis M. Ramsay, and Commodore Phythian are some of those who see the great danger ahead in officers of the navy being permitted to form organizations, adopt resolutions and outline deliberately a policy

resolutions and outline deliberately a policy designed to purposely defeat the wishes of the Secretary, and, for that matter, those of the President, too.

Besides a joint committee, last Congress, after listening for two years to arguments presented by the navy, and in which all sides, it was believed, was given ample opportunity to present their grievances and to suggest remedies for existing evils in the present system of naval pronotion, presumably in framing a bill did not intentionally insert provisions which would benefit some grades at the expense of benefit some grades at the expense of

benefit some grades at the expense of others, but reported one which it be-lieved, as did the Sccretary, was the best possible bill that could be sdopted. Now Secretary Herbert, after indorsing in his annual report this bill and re-ceiving assurances from leading men in houses, such as Senater Hale in the Senate and Congressmen Meyer, Cummings and Boutelle in the House, that it was the most acceptable measure that could be presented, finds that about one hundred officers of the navy are up in arms against t and declare without reservation that ose defeating it

CONTENTS OF THE CIRCULAR. The circular, which is being privately strenlated, has been laid before Mr. Herbert by two of the leading officers of the service, who have called his attention to ing what transpired at the recent necting of line officers for the purpose of

considering personnet, has this to say:
"The senior officers were practically crowded out of participation or influence in the affairs of the Line Association, now to be used as an instrument for promoting class legislation, which is most injurious to the navy. The whole action of the meeting was subversive of the ob-jects and principles of the association, which were to resist attack and to advance by all honorable means the best in erests of the pavy.
"At a meeting of some of the senior

officers recently held in Washington, it was resolved to oppose achemes of legis-lation of the character already named, and to endeavor to secure a measure which will commend itself to all grades as just. and to the best interests of the service. This movement has taken the form of an organization under the name of the Naval

"The undersigned have been appointed a committee to manage the affairs of the Naval Association, pending a permanent organization, upon the following basis of principle and conduct: To support by he improvement of the navy in organization the improvement of the navy in organization and efficiency; to oppose all methods, measures and policies injurious to the navy, and to promote harmony in the service.

"In pursuing the immediate object of opposing any measure which embodies the

ssential features of the Meyer bill, the organization will endeavor to repress publica-tions by newspapers of articles abusive of any class or grade of officers, which publica-tions do not influence legislation, but do reat harm to the navy. With moderation of expression it will seek a just considera-tion of the arguments which may apply.
"It is proposed to confine the membership to line officers of experience," says the cir-cular, which means that the juniors are to be

kenied admittance. All officers opposed to he Meyer bill are invited by the organizathe Meyer but are invited by the organiza-tion to line up and prepare for stiff work. "This is the committee: Commodore Mat-thews, Capt. George C. Remay, Capt.P. H. Cooper, superintendent of the Annapolis Academy; Capt. P. F. Harrington, Com-Academy, Capt. F. Harrington, Commander Charles D. Sigabeg, Commander B. P. Lamberton, in charge of the Maryland light-house district; Commander Asa Walker, at Annapolis; Lieut. Com. Dunlap, and Lieuts.

McCrackin, Kilburn and Mahan." ROBY RACE PEOPLE DEFEATED. Must Build Three Tracks If They Race

Next Season.

Indianapolis, Dec. 11.—The final knockout of the Roby track people was given by
the supreme court yesterday, when the
Lake county court injunction, obtained
on behalf of Gov. Matthews, was sustained.
This is the second time. This is the second time the court has held that the Sellers act regulating borse racing in Indiana is sound. Nothing is now left for the Roby people who desire to give continuous races next year, but to build three tracks, and carry on the meeting under three different associations.

AMERICAN CYCLIST IN ARMENIA.

Murderers, Virtually a Prisoner. Alton, Ill., Dec. 11.—W. D. Sachteleben, the cyclist, who went to Armenia to find the murderers of Frank G. Lenz, writes to his father here that he cannot return

January 1.

He says the country is in such disorder and the roads so infested with brigands that it would be certain death for a Christian to attempt the lourney. He is virtually a prisoner in Erzeroum, and dare not venture.

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CLERKS ON THE QUI VIVE

Post Office Employes Interested In the Coming Investigation.

MORE CHARGES IN STORE

Representative Overstreet Expects Democrats to Antagonize His Resolution When It Is Presented in the House-Mr. Beight Has the Names of All the Alleged Spies.

That a sensation is in store for the publie if an investigation of the Post-office Department should be ordered by Congress seems probable from the testimony of the three discharged employes.

No new features in the case are expected to develop before the presentment of Congressman Overstreet's resolution in the House, which will be made as soon as the committees are appointed by the Speaker. Samuel Beight, the member of the discharged trio who has as much testimony gating committee, asserts that the public has as yet received but a hint of the charges which they are ready to prefer and prove. For prudent reasons it is necessary to keep the evidence, secret, but they profess to have a startling band to show when the

proper time comes. The leading officials of the Post-office Department are as reticent as ever today on the subject of the charges. They say that they do not wish to enter into any

newspaper controversy with discharged employes.
Congressman Overstreet of Indiana, who already has the resolution authorizing an investigation ready to present to Congress, expresses himself as confident of its pasexpresses immself as confident of its pas-sage. He says, that laying all prejudices aside, such charges as these, brought from such a source, call for an investigation. It would be wrong for the government to ignore the statements of three reputable men who have been discharged from the

DEMOCRATS WILL OPPOSE.

The Democratic members of the House, he says, generally oppose the reso which Mr. Overstreet proposes to intro-duce. They assert that the men were dis-charged for misdemeanors, and that their talk is to be expected. The Democrats took upon an investigation in the light of attack on the administration, and it is artack on the administration, and it is probable that when Mr. Overstreet offers his resolution there will be a very sharp division by party lines on the question.

Mr. Beight has called attention to one or two new features of the charges which

be, with Messrs, Hill and Sumvan, makes against the conduct of the department.

They call attention to the fact that one man who now receives 88 a day as an examiner of overtime claims of letter carriers is a brother of the man who was postmaster at Toledo, Ohio, under Presi-dent Cleveland's first administration, and that Superintendent Machen was assist-ant postmaster. This, they think, is a significant fact in the light of other in-

significant fact in the light of other in stances of a similar kind which they cite. With regard to the misuse of funds, Mr. Beight states that on the 1st of March of the present year he found, according to his balance sheet, that there would be a surplus of \$200,000 left over. A high of ficial, he says, immediately made a confices all over the country, where they were not wanted. Numerous complaints were

were not needed, and the official knew that they were not needed. But what the discharged men objected to nost was the spotter or spy system. It is said that the letters containing r mittances of salaries to the spotters are not addressed to Gen. Jones or to any other man in the office. They are sent to a certain official's lady stenographer. The reason for this, Mr. Beight says, is hat the officials are ashamed of the busitess and wish to have as little to do with

At first the remittances came by mail, as stamped envelopes were furnished for that surpose. Now all the money is sent by purpose. Now all the money is sent by express and is directed to the stenographer. Mr. Beight claims that the object of the method is to avoid directing attention to the class of mail for the office.

A large pile of stamped envelopes stands in the room of the free delivery system at the Postoffice Department, and these are the ones which were left over in August when the plan of sending the money by express was adopted.

MR. BEIGHT'S CHARGES. "I want to congratulate The Times," said Mr. Beight today. "You are with us in this controversy, and we are right, eternally

"First of all I want to say that I have or quarrel with the Postmaster General or the First Assistant Postmaster General. I am contending for a principle and for the rights of the government. Poor as I am in this world's goods I would not surrender in this world's goods I would not surrender my manhood for the combined wealth of the Goulds, the Vanderbilts, and the Rocke-fellers. What I said in my brief inter-riew with The Times reporter last Satur-day night is true and I speak by the record. "The secret agency of the free delivery service, better known throughout the coun-try as 'spies' or 'spotters,' is a veritable political 'jackpot' in the Post-office De-partment.

'There are exactly fifty-nine 'splea' in "There are exactly fifty-nine sples in the service, including one commissioner of the United States Court of Claims. They receive the uniform salary of \$5 per day and expenses, except the commissioner and the spotter chief, who each receive \$8 per day salary and their expenses. The salary and expenses of the latter for the month of October amounted to \$479— \$17.75 per day, 27 working days in the month. DON'T FORGET

STOLL'S SHOE SALE.

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the spies, but I have a complete list of them, and the public will soon know, espe-cially the persecuted letter carriers of the country, who these gentlemen are and what relations, or relationships, they sostain to the highest efficials in the Post-office De-partment.

"We can well afford to bide our time. Hill, Sullivan and myself were removed

Hill, Sullivan and myself were removed, according to the published statements of Mr. Jones and Mr. Machen, for tampering with the records in the office and giving official information to outsiders. The nature of the information which these officials allege we have given to outsiders they have thus far fatled to disclose, and thereby hangs a tale."

"If they are ashamed of their own work, afraid to have the truth published to the world, it is evident they are unfit to hold public positions and have forfeited the confidence of the public. If we have conspired to "belittle the Postoffice Department," it has been in the interest of the government, and this fact will be abundantly verified in the near future. Mr. Jones will have an opportunity to defend and vindicate his secret agency bureau of the free delivery service before the representatives of the people in Congress, and he will also have the very excellent opportunity afforded him to demonstrate how he has been enabled to expend public tunity afforded him to demonstrate how he has been enabled to expend public money not warranted by law.

A MISSING ITEM.

"Let him show, if he can, what became of the \$702,000, item 6, of the itemized 30, 1895. Ninety-three postoffices, under the law, were entitled to the free delivery service, and more than thirty had made application for it. Two, and only two, received the service, and both near the or the fiscal year-Berkeley, Cal., and Kingston, N. Y. Seven offices were dis continued-I mean the free delivery ser vice-Abilene, Newton and Wellington, Kan.; Aspen, Col.; Nanticoke, Pa.; Port Townsend, Wash., and Huron, S. D.

Townsend, Wash, and Huron, S. D.

"During the fiscal year from July 1, 1894,
to June 30, 1895, nearly 1,000 additional
letter-carriers were appointed at the oldest
offices, and twenty-three of the great
cities of the country received nearly all of

"The cunning duplicity of a big official was fully developed at the Philadelphia office. On the 15th of October, 1894, that city obtained eighty-one additional carriers. In the winter following, one year ago, the 'spies' or 'spotters' were sent there to inspect (?) the service. On the basis of their reports, a relaction of the force followed, but for reasons best known to the high offlicials of the Postoffice Department, the greater portion of the decapitation did to the basis of the Postoffice Department, not take place until after the letter carriers' convention of September 2 last. One hundred carriers were removed—reduced to the substitute roll—seventy eight \$1,000 and twenty two \$800 men.

The record will show that not a single carrier appointed October 15, 1894, was hit in the reduction. Was this an accident? Can it be possible that carriers in the service less than a year were more competent to serve the peopple of Philadelphia than those who had been in the service for years, and among them comrades in the war of the rebellion? This reduction was made for no other reason under the canopy of high neaven than to create a fund out of which the spotters might be paid during this fiscal year. Twenty-four of the 100 carriers had been removed July 31st, but the bal-ance of the list was withheld, although it had undoubtedly been made up, until the carriers' convention had adjourned

SAVED FOR THE SPOTTERS. "In this connection \$76,578 was saved for the spotters—not for the government, not \$1-unless this Congress intervenes and abolishes Mr. Jones' secret agency bureau before it is quite all gone. The spies are now in New England and some of them in Texas, hovering near the boundary lines of Canada and Mexico.h Some of them

of Canada and Mexico.h Some of them have lost much of their vigor and hilarity since the Ohio election.

"One more item, and I am through for the present interview. It will be just as well for the "spotter chief." Mr. Machen's tool, to place as great a distance between himself and the National Capital as the rathest of the continent can carry him. the railroads of the continent can carry him. the railroads of the continent can carry him. If his friends desire to know why, I refer them to the three concluding sections of the United States civil service law. We have conclusive evidence, and he had better not return to this balliwick very soon."

It has been unnored that the National Letter Carriers' Association was seeking to accomplish legislation to abolish the present spy system in the postal service.

Secretary John F. Victory of the association denies that the association is seek-

ciation denies that the association is seeking to do this. It is true, he says, that the carriers have sent a protest to Postmaster General Wilson, claiming that the system is unfair and un-American. They have oot, however, considered bringing the mat-

ter before Congress in any form. Chairman Charles H. Cutier of Boston and William J. Morrison of Brooklyn, members of the legislative committee of the National Association of Letter-carriers, who have been in this city, returned home yesterday in obedience to the order of the Postmaster

They did it under protest, as they claim that a constitutional right of the carriers has been violated.

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Glowing Account of Australian Field by a Correspondent. Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 11.-Among the passengers by the steamer Miowers, from Australia was Julius M. Price, F. R. G. S., who is on his way home to England from the Coelgardic gold fields, where he had

been in the interest of the Illustrated Lon

don News.

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When asked about his impressions regarding Coolgardie, Mr. Price said he thought it was the most wonderful goldbearing country the world has yet seen, and, in his opinion, there would be some big fortunes made there before the fields are exhausted.

The water question will not, in his opinion, affect the future of the mines, as, if the Western Australia government does

not remedy this evil, the capitalists inter-ested in the mines will solve the difficulty. Mr. Price thinks that an aquedict can be built from the sea and that plenty of water can be easily secured.

In this district camels are the principal

means of locomotion, and travel is neces-sarily very expensive. Mr. Price contem-plates visiting the Kootenay country in the interests of hispaper at an early date.

REASONABLY ANNOYED. Comment of English Journals on the Essence of American Flapdoodle. London, Dec. 11.—The St. James Gazette, commenting upon the attack made upon Am-bassador Bayard, in the House of Repre-sentatives 'pesterday, says. "Mr. Bayard may decline to retain his post.

"Mr. Bayard may decline to retain his post after the attack that was made upon him in Congress yesterday, and if he resigns it will be regretized here, as he is a fine example of a dignified, upright and cloquent American

"Hut his alleged indiscretion was so de-

"We should resent any British minister making a speech in a foreign country attacking a vital part of our policy."

The Globe says: "Mr. Bayard permitted himself to include in freedom of speech about his own countrymen, rulers, and poli-tics that would have been impossible for a diplomat of the Old World, and we think the Republican unifority are reasonably and

Holiday Excursion Rates Via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The passenger department of the Pennsylvania Railroad amounces the saie of Christmas and New Year holiday excurof Christmas and New Year holiday excur-sion tickets. December 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 31 and January 1, good for return pas-sage until January 7, 1896, at special re-duced rates. Tickets will also be sold to Fredericksburg, Richmord, Petersburg, and other points South on December 22, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30, and 31 and January 1, good to return and January 3, 1898, Indiana.